

1 10A NCAC 22Q .0102 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 22Q .0102 DEFINITIONS**

4 (a) “Certifying Hospitals” means an institution that meets all of the following criteria:

5 (1) meets the definition in G.S. 131E-176(13);

6 (2) is licensed by the State of North Carolina; and

7 (3) certifies as a public agency that its expenditures are eligible for Federal Financial  
8 Participation in accordance with 42 CFR 433.51(b), which is incorporated by reference,  
9 including subsequent amendments and editions. This document may be accessed at  
10 <https://www.ecfr.gov> at no charge.

11 (b) “Department” means the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

12 (c) “Outpatient services” means those services as defined by 42 CFR 440.20(a), which is hereby  
13 incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document can be  
14 accessed at <https://www.ecfr.gov> at no charge.

15 (d) “Uninsured patient” means medical care recipients who do not have health insurance, Medicaid or  
16 Medicare, or other third-party coverage. State or local government payments made to a hospital for  
17 services provided to indigent patients shall not be considered a source of third-party coverage.

18 (e) “Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund” means the fund established by G.S. 143C-9-9 and governed by  
19 10A NCAC 22R.

20 (f) “Payment period” means the 12-month term ending September 30th of each year.

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22 *History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; 143C-9-9;*

23 *Eff. July 1, 2022;*

24 *Temporary Adoption Eff. December 29, 2021.*